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Students from <u>(school name)</u> attended the annual Missouri Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, March 29-31, at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach. There were more than 1,600 students (grades 6-12) and there teachers in attendance.

The following <u>(chapter name)</u> members attended the conference: <u>(name)</u> son/daughter of <u>(parent's/guardian's name)</u> [repeat as many times as needed]. Local chapter advisor/advisors <u>(name/names)</u> also attended.

This year's student-developed conference theme was "LOL: Lead Out Loud" The conference featured speakers and workshops on topics such as preparing for college and careers, leadership skills, anti-bullying programs, and technology's impact in education, careers, and on the family. In addition to leadership training, honors and recognition, more than 720 students participated in 30 competitive events, including early childhood education, entrepreneurship, culinary arts, fashion design, career investigation, chapter service learning projects and sports nutrition.

(Include information on local STAR Events participants)

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for young men and women enrolled in family and consumer sciences education courses. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work, and societal issues. The Missouri association ranks fifth in the nation in membership with more than 9,800 members. There are more than 320 FCCLA chapters across the state.